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Agenda Item 2b

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OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 13, 2015

ATTENDANCE:

Chair Mackenzie called the MTC Operations Committee meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. Other Committee members in attendance were Commissioners Aguirre, Azumbrado, Giacomini, Liccardo, Haggerty, Halsted, Pierce and Spering. Commissioners Bates and Campos were present as ad hoc non-voting members. Commission Chair Rein Worth and Vice Chair Cortese were present in their ex-officio voting member capacity.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a) Minutes of January 9, 2015 meeting.
- b) Second Quarter SAFE Financial Statements – December 2014

Commissioner Liccardo requested that Item 2b be pulled from the Consent Calendar for discussion about future investment in the Call Box Program. Melanie Crotty (MTC staff) responded that the first round of call box removal (primarily in urban areas and the 880 corridor) was completed in the past year. Staff is currently defining the second round of call box removal in consultation with CHP and Caltrans. Ms. Crotty will bring back specifics about the second round of removal to the committee. Ms. Crotty also noted that in the past, CHP and Caltrans have had concerns about such dramatic reductions in call boxes but that reductions will result in long term savings.

- c) MTC Resolution No. 4171 – Transit Emergency Service Contingency Fund Policy and Guidelines

Chair Mackenzie indicated that Item 2c was also being pulled from the Consent Calendar for discussion. Mr. Clarence Fisher expressed concerns about the efficiency of emergency services. He referred specifically to a recent incident where AC Transit designated route 1A to transport BART riders from Bayfair to Fruitvale station during a BART emergency. However, the bus made numerous stops that resulted in further delays for riders getting to the Fruitvale station. Mr. Fisher asked that operators implement emergency transportation services that are more time-efficient. Noah Tunick (MTC staff) explained that this is best addressed by the Mutual Aid agreement that MTC manages for transit operators that ensures equipment, supplies, personnel and other goods and services are exchanged during emergencies so that transit operators experience minimal disruption.

Chair Mackenzie asked MTC staff to address the revised memo. Mr. Tunick explained that the revision to the memo was to incorporate a last-minute input from the California Office of Emergency Services. That agency recommended a minor edit to address FEMA's policy on reimbursement. Upon motion of Commissioner Liccardo which was seconded by Commissioner Haggerty, Item 2c was approved unanimously.

FEBRUARY MINUTES

Overview of Shared Mobility Services (Melanie Crotty)

At the request of the Commissioners, Melanie Crotty (MTC staff) provided an overview on technology innovations in shared mobility services. She summarized the services that are currently available and the public policy questions raised by these services and identified MTC's potential roles in interacting with shared transportation services, particularly as they relate to the next generation of the Rideshare and 511 programs.

Commissioner Giacomini inquired about the information available on people with disabilities who are unable to take advantage of ridesharing services in traditional cars. Ms. Crotty responded that there is very little data on this topic although discussions have taken place. Companies may have data on this issue, but it is not publically available. Commissioner Giacomini asked that MTC staff find out more about what discussions and plans are being made to ensure the disabled community has access to services.

Commissioner Campos stated his concern with the lack of regulation of ride sharing. He asked staff to gather more information on the regulatory schemes of ride sharing programs.

Commissioner Bates stated his interest in further understanding peer-to-peer rental opportunities. He also stated interest in further understanding car insurance issues with ride sharing, San Francisco trends, and trends of the younger population, particularly related to the lower rates of car ownership in the younger population.

Chair Mackenzie acknowledged that the ride sharing business poses huge challenges for MTC and will affect MTC's role in the Bay Area transportation. He asked staff to return with follow-up information on the questions raised.

Mr. Clarence Fisher asked that MTC provide incentives to ridesharing operators to collect payment of fares through Clipper® should MTC have a role in the ridesharing business.

Public Comment/Other Business/Next Meeting/Adjournment:

Mr. Clarence Fisher questioned why discounted fares and passes for the disabled community do not exist with various transit operators. He asked that MTC encourage operators to create discounted passes for the disabled community.

There being no further business, Chair Mackenzie adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m. The next meeting of the Operations Committee is scheduled for Friday, March 13, 2015 at 9:35 a.m. in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, CA.